

### Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. What We're About

#### A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit organization

In Oregon, A.B.A. T.E. stands for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments, which isn't nearly as subversive as it sounds. It means that we act as legislative watchdogs to help ensure that any legislation affecting motorcyclists is fair and that elected officials are fully informed regarding motorcycle issues.

• A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit motorcycle organization devoted to raising member and public awareness about motorcycle issues and safety through education and community involvement. We also raise money for organizations that represent motorcyclist's concerns such as BikePAC.

• It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, onroad or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

• You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to A.B.A. T.E. Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just that wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

So scan through our newspaper. If you like what you read, check out the chapter meeting listing on the back cover. Drop in on a meeting and see what we're about. You just might find a new family in A.B.A.T.E. And as Melinda says: "Bikers give great hugs."

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

A Brief History of A.B.A.T.E.

by Bill Bish (A.B.A.T.E. of California; executive coordinator, National Coalition of Motorcyclists)

#### "You have to know where you've been to know where you're going!"

Easyriders magazine editor Lou Kimzey issued a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) by joining a new national biker's rights organization called the National Custom Cycle Association. But because of a conflict with the acronym, the name was changed in February 1972 to A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. (A.B.A.T.E.)

Easyriders began granting state charters around 1974, and Keith Ball was the original national coordinator. The biggest threat was that the U.S. D.O.T. (Department of Transportation) was investigating ways to restrict modified or customized "choppers" which they deemed unsafe, especially extended forks.

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the Huns Motorcycle Club in Connecticut convinced his congressman, representative Stewart Mckinney, to introduce HR-3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet requirements.

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California, and Ed Armstrong

from A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

Later that year, with California being sued by the D.O.T. because governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal helmet requirement mandate, Roloff helped convince California senator Alan Cranston to offer the language of the bill as an amendment to the 1975 Federal Highway Act, which passed with overwhelming support from the California delegation because of the impending lawsuit, and was signed by president Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976.

Not bad for a rag tag bunch of bikers with little or no previous political ambitions.

As a result of our newfound political clout, motorcyclists have successfully approached congress twice over the past few years.

First to grant federal protections against insurance discrimination based on mode of transportation because many companies were denying medical benefits to employees injured in motorcycle accidents.

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through

congress.

So, there you have it.

The roots of A.B.A.T.E. and biker's rights run deep in the hearts of those of us who have accepted and, in turn, passed on the torch of freedom of the road. reprinted with permission )

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### **U.S. Motorcyclist Organizations**

#### A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

Promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

#### BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political process.

#### Association for Motorcyclists

of Oregon (A.M.O.)

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe,

responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

#### Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

Member-run sanctioning body for off-road motorcycle events for the state of Oregon.

#### Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) national/international

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities (based on information supplied by Brian Stovall-River City Chapter)

regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at

the local, state, federal, and corporate level. National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the Confederation of Clubs, a legal rights organization.

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A = Single entity.

**B** ROTHERHOOD = The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association

A GAINST = In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

T OTALITARIAN = Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures. *E* NACTMENTS = To make into regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinence; a decree; a regulation.

#### officers at work

# State Coordinator

Oregon experienced both the best and worst of days. It was the day of our state board meeting and the crisp morning let me savor the treat of riding my Harley Deuce solo up the beautiful and winding territorial highway after a perfect post-accident restoration by Latus Motors.

board meeting later in Albany dealt primarily with the importance of our upcoming annual planning session in Cottage Grove (October 18-19) and the nomination of state officers for 2015.

On the ride home, I was joined by Steve McKisick, treasurer for Douglas County Chapter. We rode staggered formation through congested urban areas when I held up two fingers and moved to the left wheel track, and single file when I held up a single index finger and moved to road center on more rural and winding roads.

Steve's high skill level gave me one less worry as we powered through the twisties and cruised the straights. I

This past Saturday, A.B.A.T.E. of was sharing the joys of the 250 mile day with my wife when the phone rang.

The call brought news of a tragedy that had unfolded on state route 6, not far west of Pe Ell, Washington a little after 2 p.m. that day. During the course of Lower Columbia Chapter's Fall Run, a multiple motorcycle crash A very focused and efficient left one dead, another in serious condition in a Seattle hospital and several others admitted to area hospitals. My deepest prayers are extended to the Jessee family and others injured in the Pe Ell crash.

> If ever you questioned the relevance of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon or the vital importance of our mission to promote motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action, let Pe Ell be your answer.

> As I looked around at those attending the state board meeting, I was struck by the faithfulness and loyalty of the "old guard" of A.B.A. T.E. Among those in the room were many former state coordinators and others

whose experience included every officer position with in A.B.A.T.E. state and our local chapters. In that room were some who had attended and assisted the birth of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. All were there because they believe passionately in our mission.

They've all given more than enough to you in protecting your lives and rights.

#### It is your turn !

It is no exaggeration to note that without new blood and new ideas, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon will stagnate and ultimately die, as have so many non profits and volunteer organizations in this day and age of social media.

Our work is too vital to ever let that happen.

I ask you to attend our annual planning session at the V.F.W. hall in Cottage Grove, October 18-19.

This is where your new ideas can benefit our community of motorcyclists.

I ask you, also, to step up and accept nomination to an officer position at state or local level within A.B.A.T.E.

# Joe Laurance

state coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

#### of Oregon.

The opportunity to receive mentoring and guidance from the trusted veterans of our "old guard" will make your contribution certain of future success.

I ask the veteran riders among you to share your wisdom and suggestions for group riding protocols with your chapter at your very next meeting and to revisit this subject when the season begins anew next spring.

I would also ask that you stress the importance of "riding your own ride" to your members.

I firmly believe that the best days of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon are those to come.

All that is required is **you**.

# A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --**Central Oregon**

Greetings from Central Oregon,

By the time this goes to print our Teddy Bear Run will be in the books and we will be looking at how to make it even better next year.

As the end of the riding season looms, don't skimp on the safety to get one last ride in. Pushing to get a little more out of my tires has left me with a rear tire that is unsafe to ride. If I had replaced it earlier I would still be riding. But now I am without the use of my bike for a couple of weeks.



Planning and budgeting would have kept me riding safely.

Remember the various toy runs coming up. They are for good causes and could use your support.

Hope to see you on the road,

-- Bob Terrill coordinator

#### **CENTRAL OREGON MEETING** TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.) Izzy's Pizza 810 SW 11th street Redmond, Oregon

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --Douglas County



Wish I could start this article out on a positive note, but with two motorcycle crashes and three fatalities, it's been a very sad week here in *Douglas County*.

We all ride our own ride, but all I can say is please, please ride safe.

We had our ending *S.O.S.* meeting on September 21st in which Karen advised us on how the run made out. I know we all work very hard to make it a success, the people who are there every year say they have a great time, and that the *S.O.S. Campout* is one of the better runs.

I am sad to say after many years of working the *S.O.S.* run, this was my last year. It's hard to say goodbye to that. It is such a pleasure to work with the *Douglas County*, *Josephine County*. and *Indian Creek A.B.A.T.E.* people. We sweat, stress, and most of all we laugh. And that makes it a team I will never forget.

When this newspaper comes out, *Douglas County* will already have had their *Bike Night* at the *Rose Garden* in Drain. The last *Bike Night* will be at the *Pizza Palace*, Myrtle Creek on October 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Also don't forget that *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* meetings are the third Thursday of every month, at *Carlo's* in Winston starting at 7 p.m.

On a note that I have heard and read

lately right here in Roseburg, people are complaining about loud pipes. Well, my personal opinion, motorcycles have been around a long time, and the "old school" bikes where a hellva lot louder than these new ones. I guess people just need something to complain about.

Not a heck of a lot going on right now. Keep in touch with your representative and legislative leaders and let them know we are around and not going any where.

Ride safe, but have fun,

Janie Waggoner secretary *Douglas County Chapter* 

#### Douglas County <u>MEETING TIME and PLACE</u>

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7 pm) Carlos Restuarante 101 S.E. Thompson avenue Winston (541)–637–5552

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# A.B.A.T.E. group report -- **Indian Creek** ( members at large )

I would like to say thank you to everyone who continues being a member of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. A great organization that brings so many people of different views together towards one common cause.

-- Michelle Indian Creek Indian Creek <u>POINT of CONTACT</u> ( state newspaper )

CHAPTER ADDRESS: Anywhere in Oregon (and beyond)

# A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Jackson County

Another great month for our recharged *Jackson County A.B.A.T.E.* team.

As a group, we had another information booth on September 7th with a lot of great response and feed back from the community, as well as donations gifted for our raffles.

Our group will start meeting third Thursdays at the *New Motorcycle Madness Cycle Shop* at 1234 Court street in Medford, Oregon at 6 p.m. 50/50, raffle, great company, and informative information from state makes these informative yet entertaining meetings.

Planning for next year for our group to present at the state planning session is what our focus will be on this next meeting. Bring your ideas and join us for a brainstorming session. Bring a friend and we will see you there!



3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1800 ( 6 pm ) 1234 Court street Medford, Oregon (541)–

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# A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Hub City

Hope everyone has been enjoying the awesome autumn weather we have been having. Love riding through the fall colors and feeling just that little nip in the air. It just means the holidays are rapidly encroaching and will all too soon be upon us.

September 13, *Hub City* had it's *Second Chance Poker Run. Second Chance* meaning you had the option of purchasing a sixth card to try and make your hand even more awesome. The weather cooperated and of course fun was had by all. Sure hope you had the opportunity to join us in our little jaunt around the valley. Many thanks to Brad Upton for coming up with the route and all the *Hub City* volunteers who helped make the day successful.

New officers are being nominated to lead us through the next year.

This next year should mark *Hub City*'s 14th anniversary. (Flash in the pan, my ass.) Keep on rockin' yer socks off fellow hub city guys and gals!

I want to thank all those who have held offices this year and in past years. You folks are the backbone of our chapter. But without the members who volunteer and assist in events, we wouldn't have the muscle and tendons that supports that backbone. Kudos and heartfelt thanks to all of you for all you do.

Happy halloweening and watch out for the ghouls that leave marks. (Nibbles are still okay.)

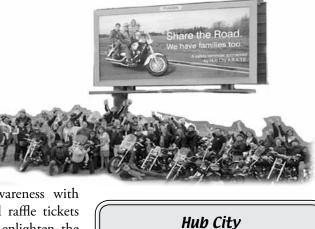
Speaking of halloween, the weekend before the witching festivities (October 25-26) will be *Hub City's Annual Mall Show* at *Heritage Mall*. We promote



motorcycle safety and awareness with *Team Oregon* displays, sell raffle tickets for the *Shriner* bike, and enlighten the general public on the virtues of *A.B.A.T.E.* of *Oregon*. Take a day ride and come visit us folks who have put our bikes in the show and are hanging out.

Sincerely,

Mo Sims



Hub CityMEETING TIME and PLACE3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)Ciddici's Pizza133 SE Fifth avenue — AlbanyPOINT of CONTACTMo Sims (541)–926–2161CHAPTER ADDRESS:P.O. box 2503Albany, OR 97321http://www.hubcityabate.com

#### A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

# Josephine County

Here it is the end of August and all is quiet.

Run to Coast is all done.

Another S.O.S. Campout is in the books.

One more big event for the year, the *Grants Pass Toy Run*.

We have a great committee out there hitting the bricks, drumming up donations. My job begins the week before the event to get the potluck organized and all the silent auction items documented. So I get to rest a little during September.

The *Run to the Coast* was another great ride. We had beautiful weather. The members of *B.A.C.A.* cooked hot dogs and sausages at the beach. Next year we are going to work on improving the meal at the finish and getting more door prizes.

By moving *S.O.S.* to the second weekend in August, we lost a few regulars. Overall the run was a success for those attending. We had more vendors than in the last two years. We had great entertainment. The bands rocked and the *TaTa Sistas* were wonderful.

There were a few hours on Friday when we were not sure if we would have a second band. The band vehicle broke down on the way to the park. After many, many phone calls, Lance and I drove thirty miles to pick them up and and get their van towed to the park. Then Saturday morning, Pat and Ron found a local mechanic who opened on Saturday to work on the van. The van was towed, repaired, and returned in time for them to perform for us and then get back on the road for their next engagement. All in day's work.

It was an honor to host the state board of directors meeting. Most of the board members were able to attend and have a casual meeting among the trees.

October 6 will be the *11th annual Grants Pass Toy Run*. The first Sunday of October is the only day available to us. So after church services, the Fruitdale Grange is available for setup. It takes us over an hour to set out all the food, prizes, and auction items.

Staging begins at 1 p.m. Ride through Grants Pass leaves at 1:30. Potluck lunch is served as soon as the bikes return. The chapter provides chicken, dogs, and burgers. Side dishes are provided by potluck.

Entrance fee is a new unwrapped toy or \$5 per person.

If you want to eat, bring a dish to share. As always, our monthly meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at the Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale drive in



Grants Pass.

Regular meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

At potluck meetings (March, June, September November, December), we eat at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is always invited.

It was a pleasure to visit with Paula Leslie at our last meeting and learn more about what happens in Salem. Thank you, Paula.

See you down the road,

Karen Tolle secretary, treasurer

#### Josephine County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1830 (6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive Grants Pass

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# A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lincoln County

*Lincoln County* is watching with interest *The Cannonball Run*. Rich Rau, who took the helm in our chapter after our first coordinator left in midterm, is riding in it. We are so proud of him and his team.

We are looking at doing a train ride when the biking season is a not-for-sure item. When our chapter was started, we did this out of Cottage Grove. But that train is no longer running.

We want to do a few fun things as a group to get us on the move.

The weather is still nice here. Looking at blue skies as I'm writing this.

It has been an odd year for weather on the coast. When you hit 100+ degrees in our backyard, you know it's warm. Humidity problems abound when it gets above or so.

We are discussing attending the planning session. I would love to see people I haven't seen in a long time.

I have ridden as passenger on my *Can Am* and finally looks like I can start riding myself. Bob and I will be returning from Branson before the planning session but this is my first big trip since my stroke and we are not sure how I'm going to feel then.

We will see.

I would like to see people bring side dishes and desserts for the lunch but that is just my idea. I have a new salad recipe that went over big at a campout meeting we went to in Charleston, Oregon.

Jack's mother, Faye is back in Oregon for a bit but is planning on moving to



Texas to be near her other son. We are sad to see her go but we are glad she was and is happy there.

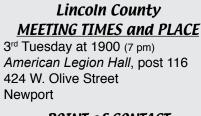
We hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

If you happen to be in Newport on the third Tuesday of the month, stop at the *American Legion* hall and visit with us. Our meetings start at 7 p.m.

Hope to see you on the road or in a coffee shop.

Ride safe and free,

--Millie



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# A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- North Coast

Hello from the North Coast,

October is here and this is the time of year there will be as many wet days as dry days.

The hazards of fall will present themselves and I urge you to be ready. Deer and elk will be in the roadway, slick leaves on the road. And when it gets frosty, look for ice in the shadows.

Many members will have their scoot's put up for the winter by the end of October.

October is the time we elect our new officers for 2015. I have been an officer in our chapter in one or more roles. I find it challenging and rewarding. I wish our new officers the best of luck and I know they will do a fine job as our past officers have.

In September we made a donation to the *C.C.A. Regional Food Bank*, our charity of choice. This month we will be moving forward with our plans for our premier fall event, the *Spaghetti Dinner and Auction*.

In the past when we have done really well with this event, besides making a contribution to the *C.C.A. Regional Food Bank*, we could also spread some joy to smaller communities like Jewel and Elsie.

November 22nd is the date for our dinner and auction. It's a great time and great spaghetti too!

Its hard to believe October is here so soon and in just a couple of months we'll be in the full grasp of winter. If you ride during this time, be ready and ride safe.

Don Kelly coordinator North Coast





#### North Coast <u>MEETING TIME and PLACE</u>

3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm) Moose Lodge 420 17th Street Astoria, Oregon Children are welcome

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### A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --Lower Columbia

I was waiting until after our *Fall Run* to send in my newspaper report so that I could tell everyone what a great ride it was.

As a chapter we all anticipate the fun and a great ride that we have on a chapter poker run.

We prepare, we ride the course, and we inspect the bikes we ride with the right gear.

What started out to be a beautiful day with twenty-five bikes.

It was a great ride that ended in tragedy.

There was a crash on highway 6 near Pe Ell, Washington. The crash included four bikes. The results were one fatality and three others hospitalized.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of those involved and their families. We pray for a speedy recovery for those who are still hospitalized

We, as A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon, promote

motorcycle education and awareness by lobbying for *Team Oregon* to be mandated for each and every licensed rider.

Still, we can never be too careful. We need to be diligent in our riding skills.

If someone hasn't a lot of riding experience, we should give them a little extra room.

Ride your own ride. If the people you are riding with are a level or two above you, you don't need to keep up. Slow down to a comfortable speed.

I have been through *Team Oregon* as have many of our members. When I took the course in 1996, I had already been riding since 1968. I learned plenty.

I think it would be good to coax riders new and experienced to attend such a course and continue through the many courses that *Team Oregon* has to offer.

In some cases, no matter what you do, things just happen.



-- Dave Bridges and Cindy Witmer *Lower Columbia* 

#### Lower Columbia <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1900 ( 7 pm)

*Colvin's Pub & Grill* 123 N. Nehalem Clatskanie, Oregon (near where highway 47 joins 30)

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- River City

#### August 19, 2014

Our members have been getting out and riding. This is the prime time of the year, so let's go for it!

We were saddened by the passing of Brook Misener. Some of us went out to her memorial. I will remember that with all her limits and disabilities, she still went shopping for gifts for our Christmas project families.

Larry won our 50/50 game at 10/10 and donated \$8 back to the chapter.

Larry and Rick correctly identified the picture on the agenda as a chapter ride to Timothy Lake in 2001.

#### September 2, 2014

At tonight's meeting we discussed membership, cancellation of a donation event (*Ride for the Paws*), upcoming riding plans, *Meeting Of The Minds* attendance and funding as well as all the healthy banter between ourselves.

Rick won the 50/50 at \$15/15 and donated his share back to the chapter.

Emelia Gove would have won the membership game if she had been present.

The weather is fabulous right now, get out and ride.



### **Upcoming Meetings**

October 7, 2014

October 21, 2014

#### **River City** <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u> 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7 p.m. ) *Shiloh Inn* The Dalles

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# A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Salem

#### 02 Sept 2014

Meeting began with flag salute, with all members present participating.

Passed previous minutes and discussed current *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper.

Discussed that we could not use our poker run insurance fees (prepaid) for a swap meet. That instead it would cost us the balance of our bank fund to pay the premium plus the penalty.

[ crusty ol' editor's note: The state sanctioning officer has stated numerous times that annual insurance rates for chapter events are based on the number and types of events held annually. When the state pays for that insurance, we are locked in for the lowest rate possible for the upcoming year and cannot change the type of event after that. Canceling an event will not result in any kind of refund. The money is gone. ]

The bad part was that we had found an industrial realtor willing to work with us, along with the *American Legion*. All was

working to where the realtor felt that he could get the building we needed, 80' x 100' with toilet facilities, electricity, and water donated to the *American Legion* for the going rate of a one plus day rent and have it completely tax deductible.

In turn, we could have leased that from the *Legion* for a small amount of money and had enough vendors lined up to make a profit and money for state *A.B.A.T.E.* 

More importantly, understood by the realtor and the *Legion*, this was a trial to see if the same could be done for our state's swap meets in the spring and fall. This included easy access from I-5. His clients, with long standing, large and empty high value buildings, would have appreciated the deductions. That is gone.

We now are trying to decide on when and how to have our poker runs before the first of the year.

I notified the attending members that come December's meeting, they must elect a new chapter coordinator, as I am



stepping down due to a series of operations coming in the very near future.

I will also have to step down as run coordinator for the *Fossil* event. All stress must be removed from my life beginning immediately.

A letter explaining the reasons will be provided to Rot Path, our state coordinator, and our treasurer, via e-mail, with notarized copies provided at the September state board meeting.

Thank you,

Lynn B. DeSpain Salem coordinator *A.B.A. T.E.*  Salem <u>MEETING TIME and PLACE</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 1900 (7 p.m.)

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports Washington County

During the last week of August, the hubby and I along with another couple made a trip to Sacramento, California do some riding in that area. We went to several old mining towns and did a ride around Lake Tahoe, which was very scenic. Highly recommended if anyone is ever in that area.

September 6th was our *End of Summer Poker Run. The* ride began in nearly 100 degree temperatures and by the time we reached the Oregon coast, the temp had dropped to about 55 degrees. Of course as we ventured back towards the valley, the heat returned.

We ended the ride in Cornelius where we enjoyed a barbecue, visits with old and new friends, door prizes, and later watched *Wild Hogs* outside

on the side of a shop.

Over all it was a great day, with a great route.

We estimate there were maybe about fifty bikes and about seventy-five people at the ending location.

Upcoming events for our chapter include *Biker Night* at *Coyote's* in Hillsboro on October 11th, state swap meet November 1st at the Hillsboro *Elk's Lodge*, and the *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run* on November 15th in Hillsboro. All are open to anyone wishing to attend, so come and have a good time with us!

Ride safely,

Denise Darneille secretary



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Washington County <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 1930 (7:30 p.m.) Prime Time Restaurant 4450 Pacific avenue Forest Grove <u>POINT of CONTACT</u> (503)-643-4725

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### A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports Southeast Portland

Hello from the Southeast Portland instruction that lasts about an hour. Chapter,

Last month I touched on safety. I forgot to mention a great clinic to try out. Paula Leslie recommended the clinic while attending our meeting in July. The clinic is called *Doc Wong Northwest Free* Riding Clinic.

Every first Saturday of month they meet at 9 a.m. at B.M.W. Motorcycles of Western Oregon in Tigard at 12010 S.W. Garden place.

There is also a clinic on the first Sunday of every month, also at 9 a.m., but at Moto Corsa at 2170 N.W. Wilson street in Portland.

Both clinics start out with a classroom

Afterwards there is a ride to practice what you learned.

At each clinic you work on different things, so you can go every month and polish up on something new.

Paula informed us that she encourages us all the try it out, It's saved her life at least five times by just using what she's learned in previous clinics.

I wish you all a great month and ask you to stop in for a meeting if you're in the area.

We'd like to see ya! Respectfully yours,

-- Tim McDowell Southeast Portland Chapter

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Southeast Portland **MEETING TIMES and PLACE** 

3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon) M&M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main -- Gresham

POINT of CONTACT

Wyoming (503)-709-7360 secoordinator@abatese.net

#### **Our Officers at Work**

Fine folks attending = 25; Bikes ridden = 8

# A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes

13 September 2014 (*Ciddici's Pizza*—Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Joe Laurance. (State coordinator)

Chapters represented: Eleven of twelve chapters present were eligible to vote.

Chapters absent or unexcused: None.

**Excused chapters**: Central Oregon Pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence: For downed brothers or sisters and for service men and women.

Guests and first time attendees: Bob Boynton (*River City*), Dave Witmer (Lower Columbia), Laura Sellers (Josephine County), Butterfly (Josephine County), Don Mason (Hub City).

Reading and approval of minutes: Corrections: Randy Phipps was excused from August board meeting, not able to attend.

Motion made by Paul Hering to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper, seconded byLynn DeSpain.

In favor 11

Against 0 Abstain 0 Motion passed.

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **Executive Board Officer Reports** comments:

Coordinator's Ioe Laurance reported that the executive board responded to a member complaint, refunding \$80 dues, and giving him a free one-year membership.

Kay has reserved ten rooms at the Comfort Inn in Cottage Grove for the planning session. Make your reservation early, as there will be a big game in Eugene and the rooms in the area sell out.

The planning session is the most important meeting of the year, as we will make important decisions about A.B.A.T.E.'s goals and operations in the coming year. Please make every effort to attend.

Secretary report, correspondence:

Teresa Hepker asked attendees to help themselves to newsletters from other states that A.B.A.T.E. receives each month.

We received a promotion for a smart phone app intended to alert car drivers that a motorcycle is nearby. For information, go to http://www. RoadAlertApp.com and click on the Facebook link.

Teresa, Kathy, and Karen have been working together to respond to some phone calls Teresa has received as secretary regarding membership questions and have been able to resolve those issues.

Teresa will have a sheet at each meeting to update chapter contact information including e-mails for people who should be receiving minutes and alerts, including board representatives, officers, and chapter coordinators or other contacts.

Vice-coordinator (north): Paul Hering asked members to attend the planning session, and be sure to reserve their room.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat state recording secretary

Teresa

Hepker

"Spanky" Allen noted that Jackson and Josephine County Chapters are both chugging along. He has been working with some groups to sign them up as members and is working on some motorcycle awareness banners and signs.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice has been out riding to support other chapters. We are entering a busy season, with officer elections for the board of directors and in the chapters.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle was excused.

Karen sent several checks for second signature so the state board could complete business as needed as well as the treasurer's report:

Checking \$7,719.29 Savings \$18,429.43

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# A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting

13 September 2014 (continued from previous page)

#### PayPal Account \$200.00 Grand total \$26,348.72

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg noted that we have 1,487 members, including individuals associated with group members and expired members who have not yet received renewal notices.

A mailing will go out after this meeting including a backlog of membership cards and renewal notices. This will catch Kathy up with all unfinished memberships except for mail received today.

There has been a cash flow lag. (Money given to her by the board has not been enough to process the backlog.)

Kathy has new contact info for A.B.A.T.E. membership business only:

#### kmsabate@gmail.com (541)-821-2252

Sanctioning officer: Robert Terrill (Excused)

#### **Officer Reports**

State auditor: Cindy Witmer said that the accountant asked for another extension from the I.R.S. without contacting Cindy or another officer. Cindy had our complete financial information to the accountant six weeks before the deadline, but it appears the accountant did not get to the work on time.

Cindy believes we should not pay for this unauthorized extension.

The good news is, we do not owe any tax for 2013.

As of today, reports are not yet up to date for the following chapters:

- Central Oregon (need August)
- Jackson County (need August),

• Josephine County (need July and August)

• River City (need August)

• Southeast Portland (need July and August).

Newspaper editor: Rot Path asked chapters to please get their chapter reports in by the tenth of the month. He doesn't want to be a cop.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps (No report.)

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle (Excused.)

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Robert Terrill (Excused.)

Products director: Councilman Dave Meeker (Excused.)

Paul brought a sample of the new A.B.A.T.E. hoody sweatshirts, available in sizes from S to 2X.

Board set a selling price of \$40 each. **Education director**: < Vacant >

**Public relations director:** < Vacant >

State run coordinator (Fossil): Lynn DeSpain stated that due to health concerns, he must resign as Fossil coordinator and probably as chapter coordinator as well. He is willing and available to consult with whoever takes the job next, so information will be properly passed on.

State swap meet coordinator: Paul Hering said that swap meet flyers are ready and being distributed.

There is an ad on Quick Throttle web site.

He is having trouble connecting with Thunder Press.

A.B.A.T.E. of Washington has canceled their own fall swap meet and will include the flyer in their next newsletter.

Patricia Baker has volunteered to do vender coordinating, which is in process.

Hillsboro Elks have okayed vehicle camping at the site but *no tents*. They are also having a Christmas bazaar the same day, upstairs.

G.R.I.P. (Girls Riding Independently *Proud*) will handle the kitchen.

Chapters, please bring door prizes to next state board meeting or planning session.

Spanky said he will recruit some volunteers to help with security at the swap meet.

Paul got four big banners for the price of two, since the shop made a typo on the first batch. They still get the point across.

Historian: Teresa Hepker noted that newsletters through 1989 are being posted to the A.B.A. T.E. state web site.

The historian has not been responsible for storing chapter financial records. Please continue to manage your own storage of these materials.

Web page editor: Carl Earl asked that as soon as you notice incorrect information or a web site problem, please notify him as soon as possible at:

webmaster@abateoforegon.net Quartermaster: Paul Hering

(No report.) Legislative director: Paula Leslie

(Excused.) Sent report and other information to the state board.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall received a question from a board member: Since Benton county covered the cost of motorcycle safety signs they are posting on county vehicles, what has happened to the donations sent to *BikePAC* to help with those expenses?

Brian said he will find out.

He urged everyone to take a day off Wednesday, September 17 to go to the BikePAC Action Day in Salem.

BikePAC has given Brian \$300 to take to Meeting of the Minds as annual supporting membership dues to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. As Brian pointed out, we can't do without the presence of this organization in Washington, D.C.

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall (See above.)

Confederation of Clubs representative: < Vacant >

Mike Friend attends Confederation of Clubs meetings as a representative for Bikers for Christ and said he can serve as A.B.A.T.E. representative if needed. Subject will go on planning session agenda.

#### **Unfinished Business**

#### • Planning session: October 18-19.

It was noted that officer elections are held at the regular October board meeting on October 11, so new officers can join old officers at the planning session and start getting familiar with the job they will do in the coming year.

#### Officer Vacancies

Education director Public relations

Confederation of Clubs representative

#### **New Business**

#### • Officer Nominations

(They will also be open at October 11 meeting before elections are held.) coordinator: State Paul Hering (Conditional on not doing other jobs.) Rick Prentice (declined), Ted Tracy (declined). Secretary: Teresa Hepker Vice-coordinator (north): Paul Hering, Ted Tracy (declined) Vice-coordinator (south): Pat (Spanky) Allen Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice **Treasurer**: Karen Tolle (pending her acceptance) Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg Sanctioning: Robert Terrill (pending his acceptance) Auditor: Cindy Witmer Newspaper: Rot Path Sgt-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps, Ted Tracy Sgt-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle (pending his acceptance) Sgt-at-arms (east): < No nominations > **Education director:** < No nominations > Public relations: < No nominations > *Fossil* coordinator: Howie Long (pending his willingness to attend board meetings), Rick Prentice Confederation of Clubs representatives Mike Friend, Pat (Spanky) Allen Swap meet: Bob Boynton, Paul Hering Historian: Teresa Hepker Web master: Carl Earl Quartermaster: Paul Hering Legislative director: Paula Leslie (pending her acceptance)

BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall

• Motion-1: Made by Brian Stovall, seconded by Jack Wingfield:

"To provide \$100.00 to our membership secretary for operating costs, renewable as



Among the chapter reports originally submitted for this month's state newspaper was one containing potentially inflammatory statements that could have ignited one of those firestorms of controversy that Oregon A.B.A. T.E. seems to suffer periodically. People get upset, heated e-mails and phone calls are fired forth and back for two or three months until the smoke clears.

Trouble is, the statements were completely untrue.

They were based on assumptions, rumors, and misinformation.

Were they a deliberate attempt to sabotage our organization from within?

That would be easy to believe if one was highly paranoid.

Yer crusty ol' editor tends to believe that the members of Oregon A.B.A.T.E. are well-intentioned folks who want to make Oregon a better, safer place for people to ride motorcycles.

Our members are human.

They get tired or lazy.

They make human mistakes.

Including the person reading these words.

accept that fact.

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

Wildfires Of Autumn

Consensus versus Majority

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everyone takes off in a separate direction.)

meetings, an Army colonel named

Henry Robert published a book in 1876

outlining procedures that could be used

to organize groups methods when trying

to make decisions. That book is known as

Article VII, section "F" of A.B.A.T.E.

by-laws specify Robert's' Rules Of Order

as the preferred guideline for running

Article VII

**Board Of Directors** 

will use Robert's Rules Of Order as a

guideline to conduct meetings.

F. The state board of directors

Robert's' Rules is based on parliamentary

procedures and the concept of majority

rules, meaning that there will often be a

minority deprived of any satisfaction in a

decision-making process. Such methods

may create factions within groups or

withdrawal of members from active

participation who feel left out of the

Robert's Rules of Order is not the only

way to conduct meetings. There are

Robert's Rules of Order.

meetings: \*

process.

In an attempt to bring order to ordinary

When someone says something out loud or in print that we perceive as potentially offensive, let's not automatically respond in-kind, escalating the situation into a heated encounter.

Instead try to find out why they made the statement and what information it's based on. If their facts are wrong, provide them with the real facts in a nonembarassing way. (Causing people to loose face in public only makes matters worse.)

First and foremost, we must strive to make certain that we are acting on valid information, not rumors or assumptions. It takes more effort, but always get to the real facts before making statements or taking action.

It's so much more satisfying to defuse a bomb rather than tossing rocks at it until it detonates.

Decision making is one of the primary responsibilities of chapter and state board meetings. It's what leads to action that furthers our organization's mission statement.

Sometimes meetings can be chaotic, Each of us needs to recognize and with different people wanting different things. (Like a group ride in which



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

( big enough to be seen from space )

other methods of accomplishing group decision-making.

One such successful method is consensus, wherein a group works together to find solutions that all members can agree with, even if it's not exactly what they want.

Consensus involves all members in the decision-making process, often requiring all participants to give up small amounts of an objective in order reach a compromise where no one looses completely.

The main difference between majority rules and consensus is that there are generally no winners and losers with consensus. Everyone is agreeing or at least consenting to decisions.

During the formative years of the United States and for some time after, consensus was considered and promoted as a model for conducting congressional business.

Perhaps it's time for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and BikePAC to reexamine how they conduct meetings Perhaps there are ways that will draw people into more fully participating rather than driving members away.

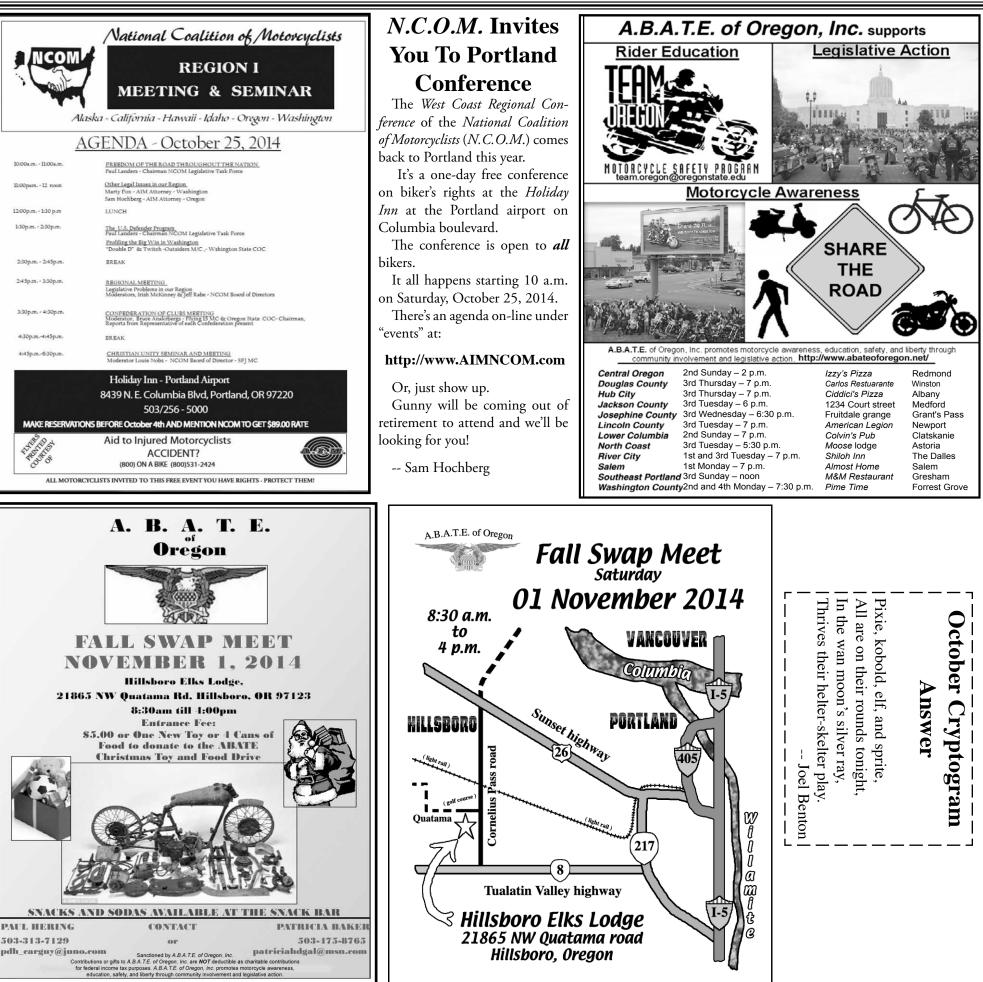
OCTOBER Cryptogram 12 Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page VMZMR, UBNBEA, REG, HLA YVJMCR, HEE HJR BL CTRMJ JBXLAY CBLMDTC, ML CTR IHL WBBL'Y YMEQRJ JHK, CTJMQRY CTRMJ TRECRJ-YURECRJ VEHK. -- OBRE NRLCBL HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" fer instance.) Look fer word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".) Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skullduggery

\* (It should be noted that Robert's Rules of Order is an accepted reference, having absolutely no legal standing or authority.)

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Note: Photos and copy-ready artwork should be stiffened with cardboard to prevent folding, spindling, or mutilating. Include a self-stamped addressed envelope if you want your material returned. (Otherwise the c.o.e. has a woodstove and your unclaimed contributions may end up keeping his toes warm.)

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needed upon the turning in of receipts."

In favor 11 Against 0 Abstain 0 Motion passed.

• Motion-2: Made by Ted Tracy, seconded by Jack Wingfield:

"That A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon donate \$1.00 per member to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, to be presented at Meeting of the Minds at the end of September."

amended Motion "donate to: \$1300.00"

In favor 10

#### Against 1 Abstain 0 Motion passed.

#### Announcements

• Next state board of directors meeting and officers election:

October 11, 2014 at Ciddici's Pizza in Albany, Oregon.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Sept 17 – BikePAC Legislative Action Day in Salem, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sept 18 - Senator Close and representative Olson will speak with Hub legislative agenda at Ciddici's Pizza.

- Sept 20 Central Oregon Chapter's Teddy Bear Run
- Sept 25-28 M.R.F. Meeting of the Minds in Kansas City, Missouri.
- Oct 5 Josephine County Chapter 11th Annual Toy Run.
- Oct 10 Douglas County Chapter Bike *Night* in Myrtle Creek.
- Oct 18-19 *A.B.A. T.E./BikePAC* planning session at Cottage Grove V.F.W.
- Oct 19 Annual meeting at Pinocchio's Pizza in Cottage Grove.

- *City Chapter* about the *BikePAC* Oct 25 *N.C.O.M./A.I.M.* convention in Portland.
  - Nov 1 Oregon A.B.A. T.E. fall swap meet at Hillsboro Elks.
  - Nov 15 Washington County Chapter toy run.
  - Nov 28-Dec 24 River City Chapter annual See's Candies sale in The Dalles.
  - Dec 6 35th Annual Shriners Toy Run in Portland.
  - Dec 7 Hub City Chapter toy run in Albany.

#### Adjourn: 2:14 p.m.

### Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# E.P.A. Sends Ethanol **Regs To White House**

The *Environmental Protection Agency* (E.P.A.) sent its final regulations to the white house for presidential approval, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) reports. This is the final step in the approval process before the mandate can be revealed.

Last year, the E.P.A. proposed that the amount of ethanol to be produced by refiners actually be reduced over previous years. This plan to reduce the amount of ethanol to be produced by refiners sent shock waves through the energy community. Petroleum users lauded the proposal as a step in the right direction.

While the E.P.A. announced the white house review, they did not release whether any changes were made to last year's proposal to lower the amount of ethanol that needs to be produced. The E.P.A. will release the final rule after the white house and other federal agencies weigh in.

The white house has 90 days

to review the proposal and issue a response.

The M.R.F. testified at an E.P.A. hearing on the proposal in favor of more study on the effects that E-15 can have on the components of a motorcycle.

The M.R.F. is also actively supporting legislation to end the sale of E-15 fuels until a comprehensive, scientific study is conducted by an independent agency.

To date, the E.P.A. has only tested the higher ethanol blend's tail pipe exhaust emissions. No testing was done on the power train of a motorcycle itself before the blend was approved.

The proposal was by far one the most controversial ever put forth by the E.P.A. and received over 340,000 public comments.



#### Mail with remittance to: Are you a member of a state Freedom Fighter Donation Annua S Addre AND SUPPORT Motorcycle Riders Foundation time you did something Joint Membership motorcyclists' rights organization? (202) 546-0983 • FAX (202) 546-0986 • http://www.mrf.org • mrfoffice@mrf.org Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Inc., 236 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Suite 204, Washington, DC 20002 10\$10 can Express ☐ MasterCard \$25 PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION Joint Membership \$130 Individual Membership \$80 Yes more to protect your rights Signature Card # ☐ No If yes, name State New Member Annual REGISTER, VOTE, WRITE AND RIDE. Renewal Member # Zip Date Exp Date

M.R.F. -- Who We Are The Motorcycle Riders

Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The M.R.F. is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, The M.R.F. Reports. Motorcycle Riders Foundation 236 Massachusetts Ave. NE Suite 510 Washington, DC 20002-4980 Voice: 1-(202)-546-0983 Fax: (202)-546-0986 E-Mail: jeff@mrf.org web site: http://www.mrf.org National membership information: (800)-MRF-JOIN http://www.mrf.org/join.php

### **Letters and Concerns**

Good day to you all,

I ask that this be printed in the upcoming newspaper for all *A.B.A. T.E.* members to see and understand. You all will receive notarized copies at this Saturday's state board meeting. [13 September]

As a result of the physical demands resulting attending my brother in his last eleven days until his death, I now have to have several operations.

I will assist as best I can whomever you elect to be the new state run coordinator, but it cannot be myself as stress is something that has no place in my life for now.

I suggest to all of *A.B.A.T.E.* a few things that may help it to survive and become a strong force in what I believe its purpose to be, correcting and controlling government:

1. Always dress the part. Meaning, if you are talking to farmers, dress as they do. Maybe cleaner, maybe a little finer, but not in an \$800 suit.

The same holds true when you are talking to people in neighborhoods. Do not scare the be-Jesus out of them. Dress as if you are one of them if you are going to "sell" them anything. Same with all those people in government, political rallies, whatever.

2. When you have chapter and state board meetings, leave your own personal political party choices at home and do not yell or argue at each other and let the animal out.

Solves nothing.

Our agenda is not to control or persuade each other, but rather to assure that our representative republican form of government follows the will and rule of the sovereign people, which includes all who ride, whatever brand, wherever they ride, and no matter what type they may choose.

It is not our way, it is the American way.

A.B.A.T.E. is one of many groups that is there to ensure that those elected and appointed stay within the boundaries set forth in our constitution and our bill of rights (the first ten amendments) created by the states to protect the states and the peoples from the federal government and the states' governments.

3. Never rely on "this is the way we have always done it before" (or words to that effect) because obviously that no longer works nor applies. If any of the old ways still worked, one could look around at chapter or state board meetings and see teenagers, people in their twenties, thirties, bikes other than street baggers, hard and soft. (With the majority being *Harleys*.)

We have nothing to offer nor entice the other types of bikes and their riders, mainly because someone always says, "We tried that before and it didn't work."

Find out why it didn't work, and fix it. Or try something else.

**4.** Whenever anyone says, "Why don't you, or they, or we, try this, them, or that?" Have them do it.

That has been a main problem with *A.B.A.T.E.* for as long as I've been involved. Everyone has an idea, but they are never willing to follow up on it.

Don't give them a choice.

If you want to come up with an idea or a location or an approach, then be prepared to be the one to do it. It is your responsibility and no one else's because no matter the project and no matter who is in charge, they have enough on their plate without chasing down your ideas.

5. When working with senators or representative, remember that they are just people, no different than you or anyone else in *A.B.A.T.E.* 

As a point of fact, they are your public servant and it is their job to do your bidding to the best of their abilities.

Over the years we have settled for the word passed down from a governor shouting "veto" and given up on everything we have brought to the Oregon congress.

We are not a monarchy.

We do not allow our congress to **not** do their jobs for which they have been elected. I have never understood just why *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* is so timid with our elected officials. It is those we elect who are timid. Use that.

Do not *threaten* to go to the media and the people in their districts.

Do it.

Do it once or twice and *A.B.A.T.E.* will have gained the respect of enough of the Oregon congress to override any veto.

**6.** *A.B.A.T.E.* is no different than any other group of individuals gathered for a purpose.

You always have a few who do the majority of the work.

You have many willing to tell the few just how to do their work.

Lastly, you have the parasites who are there to get what they can, free, because that is just their nature. The last ones are generally either the glad handers or the really angry ones, first to call you wrong if called upon anything they like and you don't.

I suggest to forget entirely about the third group, as they seem to be a generational issue centered on social programs and nothing will ever be done with them.

The secret is to get the second group to become the first group and this can be done as mentioned in the fifth suggestion.

Being perfectly honest, there are more than a few of you who I will miss, of whom I hold deep respect and appreciation.

There are some who I do not know at all but who have shared laughter and tales and projects with me and I will remember you also as well.

Fortunately for me, as with any group (and you most likely feel the same), were just plain "air suckers" who only wanted "What's in it for me?" and "It's my way, or the highway" attitudes. Easily forgotten.

Sincerely and with gratitude,

Lynn B. DeSpain

"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

-- Patrick Henry

#### A.B.A.T.E. Water Tank

I hear *A.B.A.T.E.* is going to sell the big water tank.

Did you state board representatives lose hope that the *Fossil Run* is never going to get bigger? When it *does* get bigger, you will have to move to a bigger site and will need the water tank again!

You representatives need to rethink this issue. If you need a place to store it, call me at (503–285–4329.

Thank you,

-- Rotten Roger



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### N.C.O.M. COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists





# **Highway Trust Fund Extended**

Acting hours before the government was set to cut payments to states for highway and mass-transit projects, congress engineered a \$10.8 billion shortterm funding patch to keep the highway trust fund solvent through next May.

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Following several delays, the senate approved a house-drafted highway bill just ahead of a midnight August 1st deadline to keep federal money flowing even though the H.T.F. has nearly exhausted its reserves because fuel taxes haven't kept up with spending. The federal gas tax of 18.4 cents a gallon, which helps finance the trust fund, has remained unchanged since 1993, and drivers have increasingly turned to more fuel-efficient cars and higher-mileage motorcycles.

But the issue is far from resolved, as federal legislators failed to reach a long-term solution to pay for federally funded transportation projects and gives president Barack Obama occasion to promote his ideal transportation measure, the G.R.O.W. A.M.E.R.I.C.A. Act, a \$302 billion four-year surface transportation reauthorization proposal which happens to include a push for mandatory motorcycle helmet requirements nationwide:

"Title IV — Highway and motor vehicle safety," sec. 4004: amendment to motorcyclist safety grant criteria, the G.R.O.W. A.M.E.R.I.C.A. Act would amend section 405(f) of title 23, United States code by inserting the following: "Support activity — The (transportation) secretary or the secretary's designee may engage in activities with states and state legislators to consider proposals related to motorcycle helmet use [regulations]."

While the temporary fix will kick the debate into next year, after the November elections and the swearing in of a new congress, don't wait to contact your senators and representatives to let them know where you stand!

#### **Self-Driving Cars Just**

#### **Around The Corner**

Cars that drive themselves are almost here. They'll be for sale in 2020, if not earlier. "Prototypes have shown that the technology works," according to The Kiplinger Letter, a business bulletin passed along to N.C.O.M. by A.I.M. attorney Ralph C. Buss, "and major automakers are racing to commercialize it."

The shift to "autonomy" has already begun. Cameras, radar sensors, and tiny computers let a growing number of new models park themselves, brake automatically, or take the wheel when drivers stray from their lanes. Think of it as cruise control that navigates, and never gets tired or distracted.

Automakers are just getting started. Advances likely in the next few years:

- Brighter headlights that'll double as sensors to gauge following distances and detect obstacles ahead.
- Software with artificial intelligence to control the car and anticipate other drivers' actions.
- New cameras capable of "seeing" lane dividers through snow or fog.

Though fatalities are on the decline, 30,000 people still die in crashes each year, mostly caused by human error. While not foolproof, safety advocates believe electronics and software can slash crash rates. Fewer crashes and less damage will lead to lower insurance premiums.

Traffic experts also predict an economic boon, as autopilot software lifts productivity by allowing workers to do more while commuting, can keep older workers on the job longer, and lets more people work farther away by making long commutes less tedious as the car does most of the driving and coordinates with other self-driving cars to avoid traffic jams even in congested environments.

Lest motorcyclists feel left out of the mix, *Google* recently requested permission

in California to test riderless motorcycles on public roads. A prototype motorcycle that balances and steers without a rider has already been built by *Google* engineers.

#### **Splitting Controversy**

California is the only state in the nation that does not prohibit the practice of lanesplitting, in which motorcyclists use the space between lanes when traffic is slow or has stopped.

Though not "legal," neither is the practice illegal. And until now the California department of motor vehicles and the California highway patrol were encouraging riders to do it safely, recently even publishing on-line guidelines for safe tactics to minimize the risk of crashes.

But now the C.H.P. has come under fire from a state employee who charged the police agency had exceeded its authority by recommending lane splitting. The office of administrative law agreed and told the C.H.P. to take down the guidelines, now removed since July 7th.

Since the C.H.P.'s decision to remove the guidelines, motorcycle safety experts and motorcycling organizations have stepped up to voice their concerns about the future of lane-splitting, which supporters contend decreases traffic, helps motorcyclists' avoid overheating, and increases rider safety by reducing the number of crashes involving motorcycles hit from behind while stuck in traffic jams.

### Australian "Bikies" Score Taxpayer-Funded

#### War Chest

Queensland 'bikies' will have nearly \$180,000 in taxpayer money to fight the state's tough criminal motorcycle gang regulations after a landmark high court decision ordering the South Australian government to pay the *Mongols Motorcycle Club* \$178,000 in legal costs after losing a high-profile court battle four years ago to banish gangs from its borders.

Bikie sources told the *Gold Coast Bulletin* that the money would be tipped straight into the bid to challenge the vicious and lawless association disestablishment regulations pushed through by the Newman Government.

After covering legal bills, any remainder would go into a "fighting fund" to challenge similar regulations being used in Queensland and New South Wales.

In 2010, South Australia's so-called "bikie gangs" (including the *Finks*, who later became the *Mongols*) formed a united front to challenge the state's antiassociation regulations in the high court.

The high court ruled the regulations obliged the state's courts to impose control orders on bikies at the request of the attorney-general and police, without any evidence. It dubbed the legislation "constitutionally repugnant" and said it undermined the independence of judges and forced them to find guilt "based on assumptions."

#### North Korea Motorbikers

#### **Park To Save Fuel**

It is no secret that North Korea suffers chronic shortages of fuel, but now the scarcity has claimed a new class of victims: motorbike riders.

Following a drop in oil imports from China, North Korean authorities have cracked down on private motorbike use in order to conserve fuel for military and government officials.

The new restrictions come just as motorbikes have been emerging as the next stage in the evolution of vehicular transport in North Korea, much as they had in other parts of Asia decades ago. Motorcycle ownership is widely considered a status symbol in North Korea,

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where most people still travel on foot. Many motorbike owners supplement their income by using them as taxis.

The restrictions could not be independently verified and have not been reported in North Korea's own state-run press, but the *DailyNK* web site specializing in North Korean news said the restrictions ban private motorbike use except in the morning commute and at night, and that violators risked confiscation of their vehicles.

Even before the new restrictions on motorbikes, riders faced hazards peculiar to North Korea's authoritarian system:

• Long-distance travel permit requirements.

• Decrepit roads.

• An unpredictable black-market for gasoline.

• Petty corruption among the police including stopping motorbikers just to extort their gasoline.

#### **Off-Road Trails**

#### Boobytraped

Federal authorities in Arizona are warning off-highway-vehicle riders to be wary of trails in the *Coconino National Forest* near Happy Jack, Arizona where trail riders have reported the tires of their all-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles were punctured by rebar spikes, sharpened and partially buried in trails heavily used by responsible enthusiasts and their families.

No injuries have been reported, but the sabotage endangers riders, hikers, and even animals.

"The end of the rebar has been flattened and sharpened to a point, and the exposed point has been painted to blend in with the road surface," Mogollon Rim district ranger Linda Wadleigh said in a statement. The rebar was placed in areas frequented by off-highway vehicles, but "The objects pose a serious threat to everyone, and that doesn't just mean people recreating on a motorcycle or O.H.V. It includes people walking, hiking, and even wildlife. We are taking this very seriously and asking the public to keep an eye out and report suspicious activity in the area."

In related news, vandals have placed spiked strips along trails in Colorado in the *Pike National Forest*, burying the devices along trails used by offroad enthusiasts to cause flat tires and immobilize off-highway vehicles.

Anyone with information is urged to call the *Forest Service* enforcement tip line at (303)–275–5266.

#### 2014 Sturgis

#### Hall-Of-Fame Class

The Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame is designed to recognize individuals or groups who have made a long term positive impact on the motorcycle community. The Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame recognizes the commitment and sacrifices individuals across the nation and world have made to protect the rights of motorcyclists.

For 2014, Deb "Tiger" Chandler was recently inducted into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame in ceremonies held August 6th at The Lodge in Deadwood during Sturgis Bike Week: "In partnership with the Colorado Confederation of Clubs (C.C.O.C.), she assumed the role of Colorado commander of the Coalition of Independent Riders - a registration of independent riders. Tiger has worked tirelessly through the state legislature to address issues of importance to motorcyclists in Colorado including funding for beginning rider training and alcohol interlocking devices for motorcycles. She has also been instrumental in implementing a biker day at the capital in Colorado as a means of opening dialog between bikers and legislators.

In addition, six others were named to the *Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame*: Clyde Fessler of *Harley-Davidson*, Jesse Jurrens of *Legend Suspensions*, daredevil Jay "Lightnin" Bentley, bike-builder Keith Terry of *Baggster L.L.C.*, drag racer Bonnie Truett of *Truett and Osborn*, and custom builder Paul Yaffe of *Bagger Nation*.

#### Taliban Endorses Honda

Taliban-published *Azan* magazine is quick to condemn America, but loves the *Honda CG125*.

It's said that there's no such thing as bad publicity, but *Honda* can't be too pleased with the rave review it received from *Azan*, a quarterly magazine published by the taliban.

An english-language publication, *Azan* is radical propaganda intended to recruit disillusioned muslims. The cover story for its third issue dealt with how to leave your life behind to join in the jihad against the west, but buried in the pages of the issue was a full page spread titled *Steeds of War* that highlights the virtues of *Honda's CG125* as a vehicle of choice for the mujahideen.

"All praise is due to Allah who has made the crusaders flee with a humilating defeat at the hands of the mujahideen who have so little resources compared to them. We, the mujahidin, have won the war with Honda 125s valued at around \$700," the magazine boasts.

### Weird News Teen Fakes Robbery

#### **To Buy Motorcycle**

The desire to own a motorcycle drove a minor to stage an armed robbery and even inflict wounds on himself to make it look convincing. The Pune cantonment police in India detained a 17-year-old boy for stealing Rs 1.27 lakh from his employer and later staging an armed robbery.

Investigations revealed that the minor staged the robbery as he wanted to buy a motorcycle. A police inspector said the boy was working in Sankla's travel agency. "On Saturday morning, Sankla gave the boy Rs 1.27 lakh and told him to deposit the money in the bank. However, the boy returned after some time with torn clothes and cuts on his wrists. He told (owner) Sankla that some unidentified persons stopped him while he was on his way to the bank, attacked him and snatched the cash

#### from him before fleeing."

The proprietor rushed to the police station with the boy, where the inspector later noted: "I became suspicious as the cuts on the boy's wrists looked selfinflicted. Moreover, he was unable to give proper description of the robbers. We then detained the boy and during sustained interrogation, he admitted that he had staged the robbery because the boy said he wanted to buy a motorcycle and, therefore, hatched the plot."

#### **Quotable Quote**

"No one wants to pick a fight with a group that can write 100 letters in a week."

-- Matt McCoy Iowa state senator on why A.B.A.T.E. is successful at fighting helmet regs

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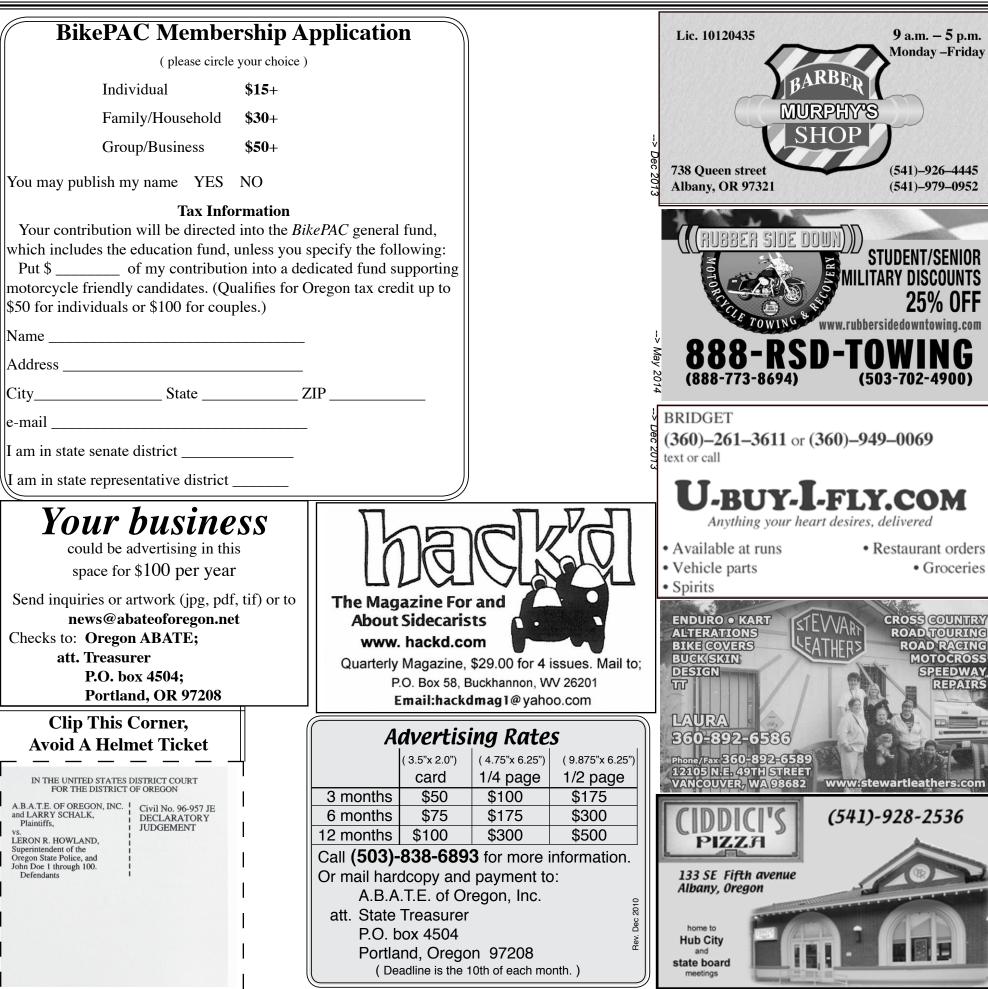
#### Clip This Corner, Avoid A Helmet Ticket

IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECLARED that Oregon House Bill 3422 means that as long as a motorcycle rider is wearing a protective covering on his head that has a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation the rider is in compliance with state law with respect to his helmet and a police officer may not inquire further to determine if the helmet worn meets United States Department of Transportation testing standards.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1997

/s/ JOHN JELDERKS John Jelderks United States Magistrate Judge

Submitted by Spencer M. Neal of Attorneys for Plaintiff





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Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 ( 2 p.m.)	Izzy's Pizza; 810 SW 11th; Redmond	(541)-504-1678				
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 ( 7 p.m.)	Carlos Restuarante; 101 S.E. Thompson avenue; Winston	(541)-637-5552				
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 ( 7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)-928-2536				
Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large]	7th Tuesday	4200 (42 p.m.)	(They're going to make it.)					
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Thursday	1800 ( 6 p.m.)	1234 Court street; Medford	(541)-				
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 ( 6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–659–8715 Spanky				
Lincoln County (LinCo)	3rd Tuesday	1900 ( 7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017				
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	2nd Sunday	1900 ( 7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122				
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 ( 5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881				
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 ( 7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502				
Salem	1st Monday	1900 ( 7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292				
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	3rd Sun	1200 ( noon )	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626				
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 ( 7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684				